

### Revised estimate for construction of Bridges, Road, etc., in Shimoga Circle

355. Sri ABDUL KHUDDUS ANWAR (Bhadravathi).—

Will the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state :—

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that some revised estimates relating to construction of bridges and roads are pending in the Department since last 6 years in Shimoga Circle ;

(b) the reason for such long delay ;

(c) the number of revised estimates for bridges and roads pending since 1961 in the Shimoga Circle ?

A.—Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Minister for Public Works).—

(a) Yes.

(b) The delay is mainly due to clarification required at various stages, collection of requisite information and data.

(c) Sixteen.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Next, call attention notice. Hon'ble Member is absent. Let us take it up in the end, after the Demand for the day are over.

### Member's Representation

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Haribar).—Before the Hon'ble Deputy Minister begins to continue his reply, I would like to bring to the notice of this House as well as the Chief Minister about an article that has been published in the newspaper "Statesman" dated 25th March, 1968, that is just yesterday. It has also been translated into our local dailies. According to that the heading given is: "Congress Leaders resent Nijalingappa's Dual Role". There is a strong feeling that is developing in the Congress Party and even the Mysore M.Ps and others are very much worried about the dual part played by the Chief Minister and one thing they say is that: "This has given rise to rumours that Mr. Nijalingappa may also give up party presidentship and prefer to continue as Chief Minister. These rumours have persisted despite authoritative denials and, as senior party M.Ps. maintain, are doing great damage to the party." So far as this is concerned we are not interested about this or that. But what we are interested in this State, as Members of this House and as citizens living in this State is, we would like to know from the Chief Minister, the correct position as to this, so that feelings of uncertainty in our minds are taken away and we would be very happy, if what is stated in the paper is not true. The Hon'ble Chief Minister may tell us whether these rumours are true or not ?